

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. As it is, our choice in broadband is severely limited. My provider DirectvDSL just closed their doors. I now have the choice of the LEC's ISP or two other smaller companies (which could change anytime).